

Title 63. Public Health and Safety

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Chapter 1 - Oklahoma Public Health Code

General Provisions

Article Article 5 - Prevention and Control of Disease

Section 1-502.1 - Implementation of Universal Precautions for Prevention of Transmission of Communicable

Diseases

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A. All agencies and organizations that regularly employ emergency medical technicians, paramedics, fire fighters, peace officers, as defined in Section 648 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes, correctional officers and employees, or health care workers, all mental health or mentally retarded treatment or evaluation programs that employ persons involved with providing care for patients, the J.D. McCarty Center for Children with Developmental Disabilities, and all juvenile institutions of the Department of Human Services shall implement the universal precautions for the prevention of the transmission of communicable diseases published by the Centers for Disease Control, U.S. Public Health Service, in the Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, Volume 36, Number 2S or as subsequently amended.

B. The **State Board of Health** shall promulgate rules and guidelines that will implement a system of notification of emergency medical technicians, paramedics, fire fighters, health care workers, funeral directors, peace officers, and any person who in good faith renders aid in accordance with the Good Samaritan Act relating to risk exposures during health care activities, emergency response activities or funeral preparations. Risk exposure shall be defined by the **State Board of Health** to be exposure that is epidemiologically demonstrated to have the potential for transmitting a communicable disease.

C. The Board of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, Department of Human Services, Oklahoma Cerebral Palsy Commission, and State Board of Corrections shall each promulgate rules, guidelines or policies to provide for such notification of risk exposures to persons employed by such agencies.

Historical Data

Laws 1988, HB 1798, c. 153, § 1, eff. January 1, 1989; Amended by Laws 1992, HB 2237, c. 307, § 14, emerg. eff. July 1, 1992; Amended by Laws 2013, HB 1641, c. 246, § 1, eff. November 1, 2013 ([superseded document available](#)).

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